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**Coordination, programme and other questions:
long-term programme of support for Haiti**

Programme budget implications of draft resolution E/2005/L.20/Rev.1

**Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of
the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council**

I. Relevant requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 8 of draft resolution E/2005/L.20/Rev.1, the Economic and Social Council would:

(a) Decide to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti until the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in July 2006, with the purpose of following closely and providing advice on Haiti's long-term development strategy to promote socio-economic recovery and stability, with particular attention to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability in international support for Haiti, based on the long-term national development priorities, building upon the Interim Cooperation Framework and stressing the need to avoid overlap and duplication with respect to existing mechanisms;

(b) Express its satisfaction to the Secretary-General for the support provided to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group and request him to continue to provide adequate support for the Group's activities;

(c) Decide that the work of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group will be reviewed at the substantive session of 2006, with a view to considering whether to continue its mandate, based on the Council's consideration of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group and of the situation prevailing in Haiti at that time.

II. Activities by which the proposed requests would be carried out

2. Should the Council adopt draft resolution E/2005/L.20/Rev.1, it is estimated that support provided to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group would consist of travel, daily



subsistence allowance and terminal expenses for four members of the Advisory Group and one staff member of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to undertake a mission to Haiti in April 2006.

III. Estimated resource requirements

3. The resource requirement to undertake the consultation mission is estimated at \$13,500, providing for travel, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses (\$11,500 for 4 members of the Advisory Group and \$2,000 for one staff member of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs).

IV. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2006-2007

4. It is anticipated that the conference-servicing costs required for servicing the Advisory Group would be negligible and would therefore be met within resources available under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

5. The potential for absorption of the requirements of \$13,500 within the estimates proposed under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 has been considered, however, it is anticipated that the additional costs cannot be absorbed.

V. Contingency fund

6. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

VI. Conclusion

7. Should draft resolution E/2005/L.20/Rev.1 be adopted by the Council, \$13,500 would be required under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require appropriations for the biennium 2006-2007 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.

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Coordination, programme and other questions

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Agim Nesho (Albania), on the basis of informal consultations

Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2003,

Recalling its decision 2004/48 of 22 July 2004,

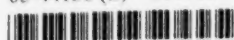
Noting the offer of Brazil to host the International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development in 2006,

Reiterating that the eradication of rural poverty and hunger is crucial for the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,¹ and that rural development should be pursued through an integrated approach that encompasses economic, social and environmental dimensions, takes into account a gender perspective and consists of mutually reinforcing policies and programmes, which should be balanced, targeted, situation-specific, locally owned, should include local synergies and initiatives and should be responsive to the needs of rural populations,

Having considered progress or the lack thereof in the implementation of the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2003 at its substantive session of 2005,

Decides to consider, at its regular organizational session in February 2006, the proposal to include a discussion on promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development at a future substantive session of the Council.

¹ See General Assembly resolution 55/2.



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Economic and environmental questions: sustainable development

**Programme budget implications of the recommendations
contained in the report of the Commission on Sustainable
Development on its thirteenth session**

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the
rules of procedures of the Economic and Social Council

I. Relevant requests contained in the draft resolutions

**A. Draft resolution I on support to the Bureau in preparing for future
sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development**

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of draft resolution I, recommended by the Commission on Sustainable Development and contained in the report on its thirteenth session,¹ the Council would:

(a) Decide that, in order for members of the Bureau to carry out their functions effectively, consideration should be given to providing financial support consisting of travel and daily subsistence to members of the Bureau from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, through designated extrabudgetary contributions to the Trust Fund to Support the Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

(b) Also decide that financial support to members of the Bureau from developing countries and countries with economies in transition should cover participation in one of the meetings of the Bureau to be held outside New York and the respective regional implementation meeting and other relevant meetings in the region.

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2005, Supplement No. 9 (E/2005/29), chap. I.A.*



B. Draft resolution II on support for the travel of representatives from developing countries and countries with economies in transition to future sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution II, recommended by the Commission on Sustainable Development and contained in the report on its thirteenth session,¹ the Council would recommend that the General Assembly decide that support to participants from developing countries, with priority to the least developed countries, as well as from countries with economies in transition, may be provided from the Trust Fund to Support the Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development for travel from funds designated for that purpose.

II. Relationship of the proposed requests to the strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 and the proposed programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007

3. The activities to be carried out relate to subprogramme 4, Sustainable development, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2006-2007 and section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be carried out

4. Should the Council adopt the draft resolution I, it is estimated that support would be provided to approximately four members of the Bureau from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, consisting of travel and daily subsistence, to cover one of the meetings of the Bureau to be held outside New York, attendance at their respective regional implementation meeting and other relevant meetings in the region, amounting to \$126,400 during the biennium 2006-2007.

5. Regarding draft resolution II, by which the Council would recommend that the General Assembly decide that support to participants from developing countries, with priority given to the least developed countries, as well as from countries with economies in transition, may be provided from the Trust Fund to Support the Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on the basis of recent experience it is assumed that such financial support would consist of travel costs only and not per diem for up to 100 representatives. Accordingly, it is estimated that an amount of \$1,500,000 would be required for attendance at the fourteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (review session), the intergovernmental preparatory meeting for the fifteenth session of the Commission and the fifteenth session of the Commission (policy session) to be held in the biennium 2006-2007.

6. With respect to draft resolution I, the attention of the Council is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for

administrative and budgetary matters and also reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

7. The attention of the Council is also drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962, and subsequent amendments, concerning the use of United Nations funds for payment of travel expenses and subsistence allowances. The adoption of the draft resolutions I and II would constitute exceptions to the provisions of that resolution.

IV. Conclusion

8. Should the Council adopt the draft resolutions I and II contained in the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its thirteenth session,¹ additional resources over and above those proposed under the regular budget of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, which will be considered by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session, will not be required. It is however estimated that, in order to implement the terms of resolutions, resources of \$1,626,400 would need to be made available to meet the travel and daily subsistence allowances of members of the Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development and the travel of participants from developing countries to meetings of the Commission on Sustainable Development under the Trust Fund to Support the Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development.